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[F5F09-F] Correspondence, General (1918)

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Description
This folder contains correspondence from 1918. Included are several letters written to Mina Edison, while the family was vacationing in Florida. Letters by Edison's assistant, William H. Meadowcroft, comment on the final illness of his wife, Phoebe Canfield Meadowcroft, who died on March 14, 1918. Also included is a remark by Meadowcroft that Edison was "suffering keenly from disappointment" that his war work for the U.S. government was not sufficiently appreciated. "He does not wear his heart on his sleeve . . . and only those who know him well realise how greatly he was discouraged." In addition, there are letters to Mina Edison from Arthur Bestor, president of the Chautauqua Institution, regarding the National Service School to be held at Chautauqua and the purchase of property "in connection with your fine plan for the beautification of the grounds in the vicinity of the Miller Cottage and your plan for the permanent memorial there."

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[F5F09AA], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 5th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AA], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 5th, 1918

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, Phoebe Canfield (Mrs William H.)

Date
1918-02-05

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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Thomas A. Edison,

Orange, N.J. February 5, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It is a pleasure to think that you are luxuriating in the balmy climate of the far - Sunny South. I hope that you and Mr. Edison are enjoying it to the utmost, and that you are both deriving a great deal of benefit therefrom.

Up here we are in the grip of the hardest Winter in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The thermometer seems to be enfeebled in its lower extremity and most of the time seems to lack sufficient energy to climb much above the zero mark. Last Saturday morning and this morning, it was 15° below zero, and this is a bitterly cold day, as a strong wind is blowing from the Northwest, which makes it equal to at least 25 below zero. So you may congratulate yourselves on being where you are.

Now in regard to Mr. Edison's birthday, our people have gotten up some very simple birthday emblems. They are not as elaborate as in former years, but I suppose you would like to have a supply of them anyway, so I am sending you 100.

I am sorry to say that my wife has been really seriously ill ever since Christmas. There has been an entire nervous collapse, which together with a gastro-intestinal trouble, sciatica and a troublesome cough, have combined to make her pretty much of a wreck. However, I have had Doctors in consultation and they are doing their best to fix her up. As soon as she is able to move around a little, they recommend that she should go to Atlantic City for a while. I think there are some slight signs of encouragement in her conditions, which lead me to have hopes of an improvement before long. Pardon me for inflicting my personal troubles, but I thought you would like to know about her.

With kindest regards and all good wishes to you and Mr. Edison, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Wm Meadowcroft

Mrs. Thos.A.Edison,
Ft.Myers, Fla.

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[F5F09AB], Letter from James Rolph, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 7th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AB], Letter from James Rolph, Jr. to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, February 7th, 1918

Author
Rolph, James, Jr

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1918-02-07

Type
Letter

Subject
TAE friends and associates

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO

February 7th, 1918.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edison:

I find on my return home from Washington, your Christmas and New Year Greetings, which are not only very much appreciated, but warmly reciprocated.

May the New Year bring you and yours an abundance of good cheer.

Very sincerely yours

James Rolph

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llowellyn Park,
Orange, N. J.

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[F5F09AC], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 20th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AC], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 20th, 1918

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Naval Consulting Board
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, Phoebe Canfield (Mrs William H.)

Date
1918-02-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Reminiscences (1870-1876)
- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- World War I

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Cable Address "Edison, New York"

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

Keep this future reference

February 20, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It was certainly very kind indeed of you to write me such a nice long letter, and I appreciated it very much. The news you have sent me about Mr. Edison is a source of real and deep gratification, especially when you say he is happy. I am sincerely glad to hear it, for he thoroughly deserves to experience great happiness. His labors for the country have been arduous and entirely founded on true and unselfish patriotism, and until he reached Key West have not been appreciated except by a very few, and I think he was suffering keenly from disappointment. He does not wear his heart on his sleeve, - far from it, - and only those who know him well realise how greatly he was discouraged. He had good reason to be, but his tremendous courage and mental strength and fighting qualities sustained him.

I am greatly delighted that he has fallen in with a lot of men who realise the value of his thoughts and plans, and hope now that the course of events will be such as will bring him out upon the high plane where he belongs in connection with his work for the Government. I am looking forward to the day of Mr. Edison's triumph over bureaucracy whose representives have ice water instead of red blood in their veins when other than their own ideas are in question.

Evidently you all had a beautiful time on Mr. Edison's birthday, and I am glad of it. My regret is that I could not have been a partaker in the festivities. Many thanks to you for sending me the flower he wore. Before this reaches you, you will have had the pleasure of seeing Charles and Theodore. They are on the way.

You might tell Mr. Edison that his son Tom has been in bed a week with Grippe, Inflammation of the bladder, Bronchitis and head congestion. I learn today that he is improving. There was some danger of pneumonia, but I understand that has passed.

I am sorry to say my wife is no better. She has sciatica and neuritis in addition to the nervous breakdown. Poor little girl - She suffers greatly. I am having a specialist from New York go up to see her.

With kindest regards, I remain, sincerely yours, W. H. Meadowcroft

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[F5F09AD], Letter from Charles Barnum Hanford to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AD], Letter from Charles Barnum Hanford to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 26th, 1918

Author
Hanford, Charles Barnum

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Traut, Cornelia Stockton (Mrs Frederick A.)
- Traut, Eleanor Stockton
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Hayes, Clarence Bowser
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Traut, Frederick Augustus
- U.S. Naval Station (Key West)

Date
1918-02-26

Type
Letter

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Disc phonograph

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U. S. NAVAL STATION
KEY WEST, FLA.

Feb. 26, 1918.

Mrs Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers Fla.

My dear Mrs. Edison:- I am inclosing herewith seven letters received in this morning's mail. Mr. Edison is well and in good spirits. The Phonograph and Records for the Commandant and Mrs. Grant arrived yesterday and Mr. Hayes opened it and set it up for Commander Grant and it is in good working order. It was too bad it did not arrive before Mrs and Miss Grant left with you but they will have the pleasure of looking forward to enjoying it when they return. Mr. Theodore Edison met with a small disappointment today in that the Islands they have selected for their experiments in the range of gun practice for the Naval ships here and would not be a safe place for them as they have gone on an exploration trip for another place. Their material and supplies are all here and ready to be loaded on "The Dachem" but they will be delayed till they can find a suitable place.

I am mailing a letter to Mr. Charles Edison in the same mail as this from Mr. Edison. I am,

Very respectfully,

Charles B. Stanford.

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[F5F09AE], Letter from John Cowell MacEvitt to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 6th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AE], Letter from John Cowell MacEvitt to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 6th, 1918

Editor's Notes
Supplied day

Author
MacEvitt, John Cowell

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1918-03-06

Type
Letter

Subject
Finances (TAE and family)

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UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
KEY WEST, FLORIDA March 6 1918

My dear Mrs Edison:-

Your generous gift and remembrance has endeared you in the hearts of all the boys. I can assure you that the receipt of the musical fruit was a most welcome surprise but that you bore me in your thoughtful home I greatly appreciate

your aviation friends here are all in a state of subdued excitement. Ensign Larry White was ordered to duty abroad and left the station on Monday morning. Ensigns Coddington and Johnson are to leave for duty abroad on or before the first of April. The following is the roster. Volunteers from our station

[2]

have been request to transfer to the Naval aviation Corps for immediate duty abroad in the fighting line - our very best have request the transfer - Personally I am sorry for the disturbance as I have been with these boys since they entered the service and loved as like brothers them where ever they may be. We now have two dirigibles on the station - one flies every day to the great injury of the population of the heart.

[3]

It was with a sense of joy
that I was able to procure
Theodore's last action perfect
this granting him his heart's
desire - a flight. Alas, there
is no possibility of the acceptance
of Jean's invitation in this
aeroplane - must be our right.
Please to extend to Mrs. Eden
Mrs Grant Miss Elcan and
Theodore my regards. In
the hope that you will
soon again grace our
home on the beach and that
life is dealing pleasantly with
you I am [illegible] Father C. MacEoin

[4]

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[F5F09AF], Letter from Bror Helge Stahle to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 10th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AF], Letter from Bror Helge Stahle to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 10th, 1918

Author
Stahle, Bror Helge

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Constable, John Pierrepont
- Olson, Werner Oscar
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1918-04-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Labor
- Crime and justice

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Trenton N.J. April 10. 1898.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
W. Orange N.J.
Dear Madam:

Being informed that Mr. Edison at present time is occupied with work of greatest importance, to which he gives all his time and attention, and does not want to be disturbed, I hereby take the liberty to turn to you begging you to do me the great favor of sending a petition to board of Pardon for my liberation on parole.

As I mentioned in my letter of Oct 29, I was arrested July 27, sentenced Oct 29, to two to three years in prison, charged with lunacy, and accused of things to which I am not guilty, and I am convinced, that if I had had means to spend for my defense, I would never have been sentenced, but as things stand now, I can do nothing but wait till I get out, and then take the matter in my own hands, in order to clear myself from these false accusations, which is my highest ambition for the future, and the main reason why I ask you the great favor mentioned.

Concerning references, I beg to

mention, that I was with the Edison
Companies for about 2½ years, until the
day of my arrest, living in W. Orange,
85 Valley Road, during all that time, and
engaged there, as well as in other communi-
ties where I have lived, am undisputa-
table good reputation by everybody who
knew me. I worked right under Mr. Edison
as research chemist, in the chemical
laboratory, for about one year, and I am
sure, that I during that time never gave
him any cause of complaint as to
behavior or character. I refer further-
more to Mr. W. Meadowcroft, secretary
to Mr. Edison, Mr. J. Randolph, chief engineer
M. F. Ehrn chief draftsmen, and Mr. Kray
night superintendant of dictaphone plant,
by all of whom I am well known per-
sonally, and who will give me the best
recommendations, not only as to good
character, but also as to good, sensible,
moral, and unselfish points of view.

I also beg to mention that I,
a few days ago, had a letter from
Mr. J. Siegler, attorney at law in Newark,
the state lawyer in charge of my case,
telling me, that the only way for me to
be released from here, was through

board of Pardon, and that he would be glad to give me any assistant in this direction, that he possibly could. It is to remember, that it was on his advice I changed my plea from not guilty to non vult, telling me, that if I did so, the highest sentence I would get would be three months, but that I, most likely, on account of my excellent character, would only get probation. But if I really should get a term in penetentiary, he promised me for sure, that he would get me out in a month. On account of a new law passed, taking the power away from a trial judge to resentence a man, he of course is unable to fullfill his promise.

As information I beg to mention, that petitions for parole should be sent to Parole Agent, State House, Trenton N.J. not later than May 21, and that paroleboards, as well as all necessary information can be obtained from same direction.

Appreciating an answer at your early convenience, I remain

Very truly yours

B Stahle

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[F5F09AG], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor, Chautauqua Institution to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 27th, 1918

Title
[F5F09AG], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor, Chautauqua Institution to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 27th, 1918

Author

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)

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CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Institution

Chautauqua, New York

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 27, 1918

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Glenmont, Llewellyn Park
Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Edison:

We very much appreciate your willingness to allow us to use your name as a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Service School, and know that you will rejoice with us in the enclosed announcement which will be made in the Weekly today. As far as the administration of the School is concerned its success is assured by Mrs. Vincent's appointment.

In view of the lateness of the announcement by the Washington authorities, we have not been able as yet to get as wide publicity as was desired to assure a large enrollment and we need your help just at this time in suggesting the names of women to whom we can send announcement of the School. Any personal assistance which you can give in the way of communicating by letter or otherwise with such people would be of the very greatest help. Will you not give me the list of women who might be interested in the School?

We are delighted to note that you are planning to be at Chautauqua this summer. I do hope that you will make your stay just as long as possible. We are always glad to have you with us.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E Bestor

AEB-BI

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

SIXTH NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOOL

Chautauqua, N. Y., July 15-August 24—Joint Auspices Chautauqua Institution and Woman's Naval Service, Inc.

It is with great satisfaction that Chautauqua Institution is able to announce the appointment of Mrs. George E. Vincent of Greenwich, Conn., as Commandant of the National Service School to be held at Chautauqua this summer. Mrs. Vincent is a graduate of Wellesley College and has a wide acquaintance thruout the country. She has been a leader in every community where the Vincents have lived—Buffalo, Chicago, Minneapolis, and New York City. When Dr. Vincent was Principal of Instruction and President of the Institution, Mrs. Vincent was each summer at Chautauqua, and was a leader in all pageants and outdoor affairs. She is known everywhere as a lover of outdoor life. It was to be expected that she would give herself largely to war activities when America went into the struggle. Mrs. Vincent is a member of the National War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. and of the Committee for the Fatherless Children of France. She belongs to the motor corps of the National League for Woman's Service. Her only son, John, is an artillery observer in the Aviation Corps, and her son-in-law, Paul Vincent Harper, is an artillery officer.

Mrs. Vylla Poe Wilson of Washington, D. C., will represent the National Committee of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc., during the first three weeks of the Chautauqua School, and Miss Elizabeth E. Poe, the Chairman, and other members of the National Committee will doubtless be at Chautauqua from time to time during the summer.

The officers of the School will be largely recruited from those who have taken the National Service School courses in Washington.

The following women well-known at Chautauqua have consented to act as an Advisory Committee to assist in any way possible in making the National Service School a success:

Mrs. C. B. Ames, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Arthur E. Bestor, Chautauqua, New York.

Miss S. Flora Broadhead, Jamestown, New York.

Mrs. Ame Studebaker Carlisle, South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, Independence, Kansas.

Mrs. Shailer Mathews, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Robert A. Miller, New York City.

Mrs. H. C. McEldowney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. William L. Ransom, New York City.

Mrs. Alburn E. Skinner, Westfield, New York.

Mrs. Theodore B. Westgate, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Margaret McKelvy
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker.
Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison.
Orange, N. J.

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[F5F09AH], Letter from Arthur Eugene Bestor to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 14th, 1918

Author
Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller (Lewis) Cottage
- Dunn, Arvilla Emma Caroline

Date
1918-10-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Purchases
- Property

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CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Institution

Chautauqua, New York

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 14, 1918

Mrs. Mina Miller Edison
Llewellyn Park
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I wonder whether you would be willing to join with the Institution in the purchase of the property owned by Miss A.E.C. Dunn in connection with your fine plan for the beautification of the grounds in the vicinity of the Miller Cottage and your plan for the permanent memorial there.

Miss Dunn is very anxious, as you perhaps know, to dispose of her property and we have been negotiating with her with reference to an annuity. Her idea of the value of the property is of course very much exaggerated and you can well understand that she is not an easy person to negotiate with. It appears, however, that we can purchase the property for $4,000 and that she is willing to accept $75 a month until paid for. The properties are probably worth from $3,300 to $3,600 and I think could be purchased for $3,500 each. Four thousand dollars probably would not be an exorbitant price to pay if the payments were to be made over a series of years.

Would you be willing to join with the Institution on the basis of the Institution paying one third and taking No. 7 North Terrace and you paying two thirds and taking Nos. 5 and 7 Asbury Avenue and No. 8 North Terrace? I am sure that you would be very much interested to have the thing cleared up and this plan would assure Miss Dunn of a sufficient income for the next few years.

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor

AEB-BI

My dear Mr. Bestor.
Mrs. Dunn has written me concerning these lots.
I wonder if I could see you when you are in
New York at any time soon? I would like
to understand the situation more thoroughly before
doing anything definite. Yours truly
Mina Miller Edison

Oct 17/18